THE PORT AUTHORITY Memorandum

To: All Employees -- WTC Facility Staff
From: Sal Samperi, Proj. Director, Asbestos Control Prog
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Subject: **WORLD TRADE CENTER - ASBESTOS INVESTIGATION AND ANALYSIS REPORT**
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As you may know, the Port Authority is addressing the problems of asbestos in its facilities.

Most buildings constructed between 1930 and the early 1970s used asbestos products for fireproofing and insulation. In 1970, the Port Authority was one of the first major agencies to ban the use of asbestos after research publicly linked the substance to health problems under certain conditions.

The Port Authority's Asbestos Control Program, outlined in the October 1986 issue of the Diary, has been created to coordinate all asbestos-related activities throughout the agency to protect the health of its employees and others using its facilities.

We are now in the process of identifying the presence of asbestos in specific areas at our facilities and taking corrective action when necessary. Depending upon the construction dates and nature of each facility, the amount and location of the substance varies greatly.

The first step under the Program has been to conduct surveys of all facilities to determine the nature and scope of asbestos. In survey areas that contain asbestos, the procedure is to determine the amount of the substance, its condition, and the likelihood of it being disturbed in the normal course of events. Immediate corrective action has been taken in those areas where conditions have so warranted.

Air monitoring tests are conducted to insure that the air quality in specific areas containing asbestos is within the required federal standards. All air monitoring tests taken so far at the World Trade Center indicate air quality well within federal standards.

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While we have not found any instances where air quality tests warrant action, we are taking necessary action to deal with areas where asbestos is found and is likely to be disturbed or is in poor condition. In addition, we are also removing asbestos in the first zone of One World Trade Center to permit the installation of the fire sprinkler system in these areas. As part of the Program, employees and contractors working in those areas are required to wear protective clothing and follow federally-prescribed procedures for working around asbestos. Survey material is transmitted to facility management for planning and safety purposes and is also available to all employees.

During the course of our ongoing labor negotiations, several unions have requested that we make available data relating to the surveys that are underway at the facilities. Where reports have not yet been finalized or where survey work has not been completed, interim reports are being made available to them at this time. The survey results of your facility are available for review in _____ from _____ to _____ daily.

The exact location of each sample taken can be identified from the attached survey.

Please refer to the transmittal memo covering the survey results for the Environmental Management Division's findings and recommendations.

In the event you have any questions, please call me at (212) 432-5566.

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